

January 13, 2011

Via Electronic Filing

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Written Ex Parte Presentation, CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 12, 2011, Scott Bergmann, Assistant Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, David Redl, Director, Regulatory Affairs, and Jackie McCarthy, Director, State Regulatory Affairs, CTIA – The Wireless Association® (“CTIA”), met with Trent Harkreder, Kim Scardino, and Rebekah Bina of the Wireline Competition Bureau.

During the meeting, CTIA discussed elements of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service’s Recommended Decision (“Joint Board RD”) for changes to the low-income USF mechanisms. Specifically, CTIA expressed support for the Joint Board RD’s recommendation to use a national database for determining consumer eligibility for low-income Lifeline support. In particular, CTIA urged the Bureau to examine the state-level program in Florida for inspiration. Additionally, CTIA urged the Bureau to ensure that establishment of the database is done in a comprehensive manner that accommodates modern communications and addresses issues of waste, fraud and abuse. Additionally, CTIA urged the Bureau to consider the national scale of the USF low-income programs and avoid a patchwork of 50 separate databases for eligibility without a national aggregation point.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission’s rules, a copy of this letter is being filed via ECFS with your office. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ David J. Redl

David J. Redl

cc: Trent Harkreder
Kim Scardino
Rebekah Bina